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SUBJECT: INTERVIEW WITH AMBASSADOR MCDONALD

1. UNDERSTAND YOU PLAN TO INTERVIEW AMBASSADOR MCDONALD
MARCH 3. INTERVIEW COMES AT A PARTICULARLY GOOD MOMENT,
AS WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO HIGHLIGHT CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE
US DOMESTIC SITUATION TO OVERSEAS AUDIENCES AT THIS TIME.

2. RECOMMEND YOU COVER THE CURRENT POLITICAL AND ECONO-
MIC SENSITIVITIES IN THE US WHICH PLACE INTO PERSPECTIVE
THE COMMITMENT OF THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION TO MAINTAIN
AN UNDERLYING TREND TOWARD TRADE LIBERALIZATION. FOREIGN
AUDIENCES ARE PREOCCUPIED WITH THEIR REAL DOMESTIC PRO-
BLEMS AND ARE WELL AWARE OF THE STRENGTH OF PROTECTIONIST
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PRESSURES IN THEIR COUNTRIES. WE WANT THEM TO UNDERSTAND
THAT THE ADMINISTRATION HAS ADOPTED A POLITICALLY COUR-
AGEOUS POSITION IN THE FACE OF SIMILAR DOMESTIC PRESSURES
AND THAT THIS POSITION IS NOT POPULAR WITH ALL SEGMENTS
OF US SOCIETY.

3. TOPICS YOU MIGHT COVER INCLUDE THE ATTITUDE OF LABOR

UNIONS, CERTAIN SECTORS OF INDUSTRY (WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY HAS PUBLISHED A PAMPHLET CRITICIZING THE US POSITION IN THE MTN) AND CONGRESS. THIS MIGHT BE CONTRASTED WITH THE TRADITIONALLY LIBERAL TRADE ORIENTATION OF US AGRICULTURE WHICH IS LOOKING TO THE MTN FOR A SIGNIFICANT RESULT.

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